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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. NOT SURPRISINGLY, VISITING OPEC MINISTERS AND THEIR DELEGATIONS
LOST LITTLE TIME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING IN
DEPARTING DOHA. IN THE FINAL INTERVIEWS AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

GIVEN BY MANY, A FAIRLY COMMON REFRAIN WAS THAT OPEC SOLIDARITY HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY OUTCOME OF MEETING. PRINCIPLE EXCEPTIONS WERE IRANIAN AND IRAQI MINISTERS WHO EXPRESSED SOME BITTERNESS OVER SAUDI ACTIONS AND ITS ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL DAMAGING IMPACT ON OPEC.

2. SAUDI AND UAE STATEMENTS REPEATEDLY STRESSED LINKAGE BETWEEN THEIR MODERATION AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRESS IN CIEC AND IN RESOLVING ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. YAMANI WAS FAR MORE EXPLICIT THAN OTAYBAH IN STATING HIS COUNTRY'S INTENTIONS REGARDING PRODUCTION LEVELS AND IN PREDICTING THE OUTCOME. BOTH MENTIONED THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL OIL PRODUCERS TO SET THEIR OWN PRICES, BUT ONLY YAMANI FLATLY PREDICTED THAT TWO TIER PRICE SYSTEM WOULD FAIL. YAMANI WAS ALSO BLUNT IN HIS EXPLANATION OF WHY IT WOULD FAIL -- SAUDI ARABIA WOULD LIFT PRODUCTION CEILING AND MIGHT EVEN IMBARK ON CRASH PROGRAM TO SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND CURRENT SAUDI CAPACITY OF 11.8 MILLION B/D.

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